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(*b*) whether it is a fact that he also collected 22 nP. instead of 19 nP. from some passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, what action has been taken against the conductor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Disciplinary action has been taken against that conductor.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : When the conductor said that he had only 22 nP. tickets and no 19 nP. tickets, some of the passengers had only 19 nP. and not 22 nP. they had to walk the distance from the Queen Mary's College to Santhome. Are the Government aware of this?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government imagine that such a thing might have happened. We have no definite information. But this is certainly a lapse on the part of the conductor, and definite action has been taken against him.

Music teachers

* 266 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Music teachers in the service of the Thanjavur District Board about their discharge from service; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No general representation from Music teachers in the service of the Thanjavur District Board has been received. An appeal to Government in a particular case was received and suitable orders have been passed thereon.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that a qualified music teacher was treated as unqualified by the District Educational Officer and the Director had to intervene and say that she was qualified?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that in one particular case there was a representation and that suitable orders have been passed. I do not think individual cases could be taken up during question time.

Higher Grade teachers

* 267 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of higher grade teachers in elementary schools ousted as a result of the appointment of secondary grade teachers to teach English in Standard V; and

(*b*) the steps taken to absorb them?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) 114 teachers, Sir.

(b) 103 teachers have been absorbed in various schools. The whereabouts of five teachers are not known. The remaining six teachers did not apply to the officers of the Education Department for absorption in other schools.

S.S. High School, Konapet

* 268 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the teachers of S.S. High School, Konapet, Tircuhirappalli district, about the notices of termination of their services served in May 1960; and

(b) if so, the action or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cycle-rickshaws

* 269 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of unlicensed cycle-rickshaws traced in the City of Madras during 1959–60; and

(b) the action, if any, taken against the owners of the unlicensed cycle-rickshaws?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The number of cases charged against unlicensed cycle-rickshaws traced in the City during 1959 and 1960 are 1,304 and 2,076 respectively.

(b) The owners of those unlicensed cycle-rickshaws were prosecuted in Courts under the Madras Hackney Carriage Act, 1912.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Have steps been taken to license them hereafter? I find that they are a great nuisance to the motor drivers. Most of them are inexperienced, and they get into difficulties. Yesterday an accident occurred near my house. I would like the Government to take steps to restore the licences.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Licensing of cycle-rickshaws has been restricted according to the policy that has been settled and we do not want to encourage more of cycle-rickshaws. We do not grant any licences to new cycle-rickshaws to substitute those that go out of work. We do not issue licences to new cycle-rickshaws. Therefore, we cannot license all these new cycle-rickshaws. We can only take action against the plying of these unlicensed cycle-rickshaws.